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SENATOR BRASHEAR: Absolutely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you be in favor of banning children from restaurants where smoking is allowed? Let...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Now, you're going...you're going to give me a little time to engage with you, aren't you? If...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let me...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...if I knew where that would take...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...let me work...let me work...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...if I knew where that would take us and how long it would last and what the bill would be next year that was politically correct, I could answer the question. If that's the final result, then I agree with you, we ought to...we ought to ban children from restaurants if we're going to protect the children.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, if children are exposed to danger and it is the type of danger which the state has allowed under the law and by exercise of its police powers in protecting the health and welfare of the public, if the state is empowered to remove that child or those children from harm how soon should the state exercise that power and rescue those children?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: At the first reasonably available opportunity and, in making public policy, you're right. That's a little different than it is for a single individual.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all that I want to ask you at this point, thank you, because the time wouldn't allow us to go into much more. Members of the Legislature, there will be a lot of instances this session when people are going to use an appeal to protection of the children to support passage of legislation. We all know that children are brought to restaurants by their parents. This is one of those instances where the protection of the children should be undertaken forthwith, posthaste, flank